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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1920.

NORWAY

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held their annual meeting Wednesday afternoon and elected their officers for the year as follows: President, Mrs. Harriet Brown; vice president, Mrs. Edith Noyes; secretary, Mrs. Carrie Swett; treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Swain; executive committee, Mrs. Gertrude Homer, Mrs. Blanche Smith and Mrs. Emma Jones. The reports showed work and raised a large amount of money.

The Norway Clerk's association held the annual meeting Tuesday evening with a good attendance and much enthusiasm. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, W. M. Ford Mason; vice president, Edward L. Burnell; secretary and treasurer, Miss Adeline DeCoste; executive committee, Homer Luck, Evander Whitman, Miss Marjorie Barker; music committee, Mrs. Edie L. Akers, Douglas Farrel, Edward L. Burnell; refreshment committee, Philip Braden, Edward McCormick, Miss Murie McKeon, Miss Ida Merrill, Leon Newcomb; decorating committee, Ralph Andrews, Walter Hutchins, Homer Luck; badge committee, Mrs. Rita Maxim, Miss Jessie Everett; reception committee, and the lady clerks; floor manager, Charles R. Akers. The association voted to pay the tax on tickets, and also voted to extend an invitation to John H. Haseltine, the veterans prompter, to assist in the elasticity this year, as has been the custom every year. The date for the ball, which will be the 26th annual affair, has been set for Tuesday evening, February 3. The reports of the officers showed the association to be in good financial standing with a good sum in the treasury.

Lake Temple, Pythian Sisters, held their annual supper and business meeting Friday evening with a large attendance. At 6:15 a beautiful supper that was a credit to the committee was served. It was expected the Temple from East Stanhope would be present to participate, but owing to the severe weather they declined the invitation, before the change in the mercury. The regular lodge session followed and two candidates were worked.

Linwood E. Fogg has been installing electric lights at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Fogg, summer street.

Frank H. Noyes has sold his interest in the Blue Store of Norway and bought

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Paris to his partner, H. Fred Pike, who will continue the business. Mr. Noyes started in business in 1876 and has been engaged ever since almost continuously. He is retiring on account of his health. He leaves for the south Monday, and will return in the spring and have his desk and headquarters at the Blue Store as in the past. During his absence his daughter, Miss Mildred Noyes, will have a room with Mrs. Gertrude Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Knight, who recently sold their place at the Falls, have bought the Phillip S. Mason place at South Paris, situated a short distance from the village, a one man farm.

Miss Ruth N. Bean, who recently returned from overseas, where she was engaged in Y. W. C. A. work, has gone to Luminaria, Mass., where she is instructed in French in the high school.

Alphonse Corbin, minister at the U. S. Regulars, stationed in New York,

has been home on a five days' furlough, visiting his wife. He closes his enlistment in April.

Mrs. Nettie Chafe of West Stanhope is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. N. Tubbs.

Miss Clara Schaefer, who has been in Pittsburg, Mass., several weeks, has returned home and reports her father in his usual good spirits in spite of his helpless condition.

John L. Parker of McIndoe Falls, Vt., has been a guest this week of his cousin, Dr. Harry P. Jones, and other relatives.

Funeral services for Miss Marion Millott were held Friday afternoon at the home in Millotville. Rev. M. O. Ballou officiated. Owing to the home being under quarantine, the services were private. There was no session at the High school, the members of the senior class and teachers attending the services and escorting the remains to the cemetery. The members of Miss Millott's Sunday school class also attended. The bearers were four young men from the senior class. There was an abundance of flowers. Interment took place in Pine Grove cemetery. Among the relatives from out of town were: Mr.

and Mrs. Edward E. Eisenwinter of Waterbury, Conn., Miss Lena Bennett of Portland, Fred Bennett of Buckfield, Frank Bennett of Paris Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Mr. Head, Mr. Ricker and Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Buckfield.

At the regular meeting of Wilsey Encampment, Patriarchs Militant, No. 21, Friday evening, Deputy Grand Patriarch William J. Bassett assisted by Grand Junior Warden A. L. F. Pike installed the following officers for the coming year:

Chief Patriarch—Wallace W. Sheen.

High Priest—George Hall.

Junior Warden—Frank Gammon.

Scribe—Delmore N. French.

Inside Sentinel—G. Julian Brown.

Outside Sentinel—Horace H. Cole.

Treasurer—A. L. F. Pike.

Trustees—L. Fred Pike, Simon Hartman, Frank E. DaCosta. The senior warden and the four watches were not present and will be installed later.

Miss Eva Happold of South Waterford, a graduate of Bridgton Academy, '16, and Gray's Business College, '19, has accepted the position as head of the Commercial Department at the high school, filling the place of Miss Edith M. Knight, who has gone to Claremont, N. H.

nation of Clarence A. Dyer, who accepted the position as principal of the South Paris High school.

Leo M. Smith, who was one of the exhibitors at the Poultry Show last week, carried off several blue ribbons, and among his prize birds was a white rock cock bird that scored the highest of any bird in the show.

Edward Morse, North Norway, who recently suffered a slight shock, is gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howe and daughter, Roberta, are spending several weeks at Maranacook, where Mr. Howe is assisting relatives in getting in their crop.

Mrs. Flora Newcomb is in Boston for several weeks, stopping with her brother, Arthur Grover, and family.

Miss Inez Flint of Lynn, Mass., has been a guest of Mrs. Bertrand G. McIntire. She has with her, her pet macaw, a bird of the parrot family, that is attracting much attention by its beautiful brilliant plumage. The bird accompanies Miss Flint on all her visits, travelling on her arm or shoulder.

Samuel B. Stuart has moved from his farm near Ryefield Bridge to the village. Mrs. Stuart is to do chamber work at Beal's Tavern. Mr. Stuart is working at the Green & Walker stable.

Harry Bassett and family have moved from the Wood house on Cottage street to Edward Lever's rent on Hazen street. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Hickford, who recently purchased the Wood house have taken possession.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Everett F. Bicknell from the home on Orchard street. Rev. Chester Gore Miller of the First Universalist church officiated. There was a large delegation of Masons in attendance and their service was given. There was an abundance of flowers. Interment was in Pine Grove cemetery. Among the relatives from out of town were: Mr.

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SUNDAY RIVER ROAD

Gertrude O'Leary returned to Massachusetts last Tuesday.

Fred Gorman and wife spent Sunday with Wm. Gorman and family.

Philip Chapman and family visited at R. L. Foster's, Sunday.

C. O. Demorrit bought a horse of Harry King last week.

Charlie Bean is hauling squares from Rockingham for N. R. Springer.

Charlie Merrill went to Waterford, Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Brown attended the all day garage meeting at Bethel, Thursday.

Mrs. W. G. Emery and daughter spent Saturday with Mrs. A. G. Emery.

Lewis Spinney is hauling birch to Will Walker's mill.

Will Walker was in this place, Saturday.

A son was born to the wife of Frank Chapman, Friday morning.

This is your opportunity. All goods marked way down. L. M. STEARNS, ad-

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THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

Bathing is not only a means of attaining cleanliness, but it is likewise a promoter of health and an important factor in the preservation of beauty. It is absolutely essential to good health and good looks to keep the pores of the skin open and active so they can expel the waste matter. To brush the teeth after each meal is to follow a good rule, but with many it is not always convenient; however, nothing should interfere with the morning grooming and the thorough brushing just before going to bed. Neglect will not only cause the teeth to decay, but will make the gums weak and unhealthy. It is an excellent practice to wash the face and hands at night just before going to bed, then the face is cleaned of floating dust and particles that might cause blackheads and pimples, and the eyes are cooled and strengthened by this practice. An excellent way is to wash the face and hands with hot water and good toilet soap, then rinse with cold water in which a little borax is dissolved, as the rinsing gets rid of all suds and leaves the skin soft and white. Every morning sponge the body with tepid water to which a handful of salt and a tablespoonful of borax have been added. Use an ordinary wash-bowl, moistening a wash cloth with the borax and salt water, and dry immediately. The addition of borax will not only make the bath more thorough in its cleansing process, but has a healing effect upon the skin and helps to keep it firm and free from blemishes. This bath should take no longer than 10 minutes at most, as it must not be a scrubbing, else there will be no stimulating effects. Beginning with the morning bath, the hands should receive their first attention, and after washing and drying them carefully, press back the cuticle from the finger nail, using an old soft linen towel for the purpose, and no greater indication of refinement and gentility can be given by women than the possession of clean, well-kept hands, with pretty shaped nails and fingers.—Practical Farmer.

HINTS TO THE HOUSEWIFE

To peel peaches quickly, drop them into boiling water for a minute or two, and then plunge them into ice water. The skins will drop off readily.

A tall woman moved into a house in which the kitchen sink was made for a short woman. She had a small box inverted and fitted into the sink and saved herself many a headache.

Keep the dictionary in the living room on a table low enough for the children to reach. It will be used often.

When, as an agriculturist, you have a housekeeper, hang a shoebrush near the foot of the stairs and train the family to use it.

The broom will retain its shape longer if kept hanging up when not in use.

Do not eat or dry old and tough sugar cane and expect it to come out young and tender.

The pulp and juice of "chicken grapes" canned is an improvement to "rice pica."

The side of an old iron stove, cut to fit the bottom of a basket, makes a good support to set the mire on when sowing.

Rinse sandy berries before, not after, stemming. Float them on top of a pan of cold water, stirring them gently, and the sand will fall to the bottom. Lift them out with your fingers and drain them.

Corn and tomatoes canned together are handy for soup and the tomatoes help the corn to keep.

Do not use any of the "preserving powders" advertised so much. Though they may prevent the decay of fruits and vegetables, they encourage uncleanliness and carelessness and are injurious to the body.

If they will act on bacteria in

THREE YEARS WITHOUT HOPE

A Story of Sickness and Suffering with Final Return to Health

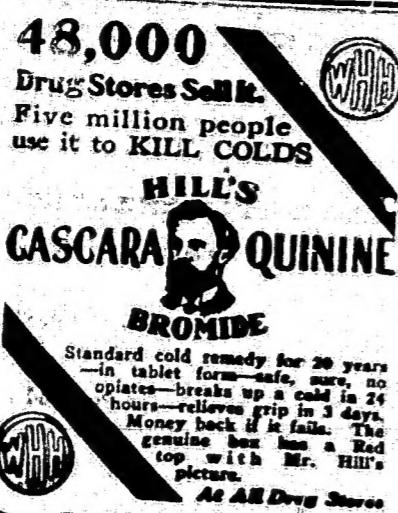
It will do you good to read it.

No matter how long nor how much you have suffered, do not give up hope. Do not decide that there is no help for you. There is. Make up your mind to get well. You can. There is a remedy which you may place full reliance in as did Mrs. Anna Ranta of 39 Silver Street, New Britain, Conn. This is what she says: "I had cramps for three years and thought I would never be any better. I could not eat without distress. Slept with my mouth open and could hardly breathe. No medicine helped me. I had cramps of the stomach. Now I have no cramps and am feeling well and healthy. I wish every suffering person would take PE-RU-NA."

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CANTON

Woman Sick Two Years Tells How She Got Well

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Ernest L. Ellis of Beverly, Mass., which occurred Wednesday, Mrs. Ellis went to a hospital with an abscess on her jaw resulting in erysipelas. She was a former resident of Canton and before marriage was Miss Sadie Wadleigh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wadleigh. She married Ernest L. Ellis of Canton and their married life has been spent in Beverly. They had two children, Gordon, who made the "supreme sacrifice" in the later war, and lies in France, and daughter, Hazel. She is survived by her husband and daughter, two sisters, Mrs. Alice French and a younger sister, Grace, and one brother, Samuel Wadleigh of New Hampshire. The funeral was held Sunday. Canton friends sincerely sympathize with the bereaved ones.

A merry social was held at the schoolhouse, Friday evening, with the usual games and dancing with music by the young people.

Herbert E. Hall and family have moved to Hartford Centre, where Mr. Hall is engaged in lumbering with his heavy team.

Mrs. Kate Smith of Livermore has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmer H. York.

The students of Canton High School will present the drama, "No Trespassing," at the Canton Opera House next Friday evening. A dance will follow. Those in the cast are: Pauline Hodgdon, Hazel Kidder, Eva Reed, Sybil Park, Wilma Walker, Merrill Walker, Rufus Worden, Clifford Sampson, Clyde Campbell, Urban McCollister, and George Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilholt have received word of the serious accident to Mrs. Charles H. Gilholt of Boston, and formerly of Canton. Last Friday she was run into by an electric car, fracturing her right leg, also her collar bone, and straining her arm badly. The X-ray will be used to determine whether or not she is injured internally. Many friends in Canton are pained to learn of this calamity.

The Misses Phoebe and Addie Sampson have been guests of relatives in town.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson, who has been ill, is somewhat better.

Mrs. Fannie Hill has moved to the home of G. W. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs are occupying the room she vacated.

A preserve closet should be dark, dry and cool. Before preserving time whitewash the walls and have the shelves well scrubbed and dried, to make the air pure and wholesome.

To stone cherries without bruising them, run a long, coarse darning needle through a cork to act as a handle. With this needle open the stem end of the cherry and draw out the stone with the finger.

Frances that need long cooking (as peaches, quinces and other solid fruits) are much finer if partly cooked in clear water (for steamed) and then put into the boiling syrup. Long cooking in syrup tends to toughen the fruit and make the color dark.

Fruit put up a little at a time when freshly gathered is far superior to any that can be bought and is little trouble to do if jars are kept clean and handy. The work may be done while dinner is being cooked.

One part of good vinegar and three pounds of sugar to every seven pounds of fruit is the right proportion for spicing fruit. No sealing is necessary.

Do not cut a peach lengthwise of the stone. Cut it "round the equator" and you will have two neat halves, no juice wasted and no squashed, mushy fruit.

The officers of Amasaquinton Lodge, I.O.O.F., were installed Wednesday evening by D. D. G. M. A. E. Johnson, assisted by A. S. Bucknell as D. D. G. M.

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The annual parish supper and meeting was held at the Universalist church, Saturday evening, with a good attendance.

An entertainment consisting of readings by Alden E. Johnson, Mrs. James DeWeese and Miss Ethel Ross followed by singing was much enjoyed.

Officers for 1920 were elected as follows: Moderator, Alden E. Johnson; Secretary, Miss Lydia Abbott; Treasurer, Miss Abbie C. Bucknell; Trustees, John P. Swasey, Gen. L. Wilson, S. W. Butterfield. In behalf of the parish, Mr. Alden E. Johnson presented Mrs. Andrew Yates with a beautiful candlestick, in recognition of her faithful work to the church and Sunday school. The gift was a pleasing surprise to Mrs. York, who expressed her thanks.

Miss A. Yates and family are moving from town. Mrs. Yates and children have gone to the home of her mother, Mrs. Bredelle, of Gardner, and

Mr. Yates will soon go to Massachusetts where he will be employed in an electrical plant with his brother in law.

The installation of Pemecah Reheka Lodge has been postponed until Friday evening, Jan. 23, on account of the illness of one of the installing officers.

Mrs. Alden E. Johnson is at the home of Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr., who remains very busy.

Leslie F. Roberts has gone into the furniture and undertaking business in Richmond, and his family will join him in a few weeks, as soon as their son, Sherman, who has been ill, is able to go.

Mrs. Roberts, who is an accomplished musician and has been a music teacher in Canton for many years, will be much missed by her many friends.

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\$49.50 Coats.....	for \$37.50
42.50 Coats.....	for 34.75
39.45 Coats.....	for 27.45
24.75 Coats.....	for 22.45

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\$27.45 Coats.....	for \$19.75
19.75 Coats.....	for 14.95

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Many have been waiting for this announcement. You must come early if you want to get the best of this lot for there are only one of a kind of several styles, prices have been reduced on every dress in the lot.

Dress Skirts

Many of the Plain Skirts go into this sale. Wool Jersey, Wool Velour and mixtures are among the assortment, some are pleated, others are plain with novelty pockets and belts.

Skirts for \$6.75, \$7.45, \$9.95, \$12.45

Sale of Furs

It would be to our advantage to hold these furs for another season, for this reason they will certainly be much higher then. Our merchandising policy is to dispose of goods that were purchased for this season's business, thus this sale of furs.

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NORWAY, MAINE

LOCKE'S MILLS

At the regular meeting of the Scouts Saturday evening they presented their beloved Scoutmaster, A. R. Stowell, in a few well chosen words, a beautiful statue of a Scout. Mr. Stowell was taken by surprise that he could not express his gratitude in words. Through his untiring efforts this troop has grown so that it has now twenty-eight members. They have had hikes, learned all their duties quickly, and won their honors easily. Stanley Bartlett is Asst. Scoutmaster and is a very able, upright young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tibbets were out of town Sunday.

Rev. Edwin Hinman of Bethel is holding evening meetings at the church here for the rest of the week.

Ed Goodwin is very ill at this writing.

Jacobs King was in Portland, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howe of Hanover visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rand, Sunday.

Annie Cross of Norway was home Sunday.

Elton Goodwin of Norway came Sunday to see his mother, who is ill.

The great sale continues. Come and see for yourself. L. M. STEARNS ad

BRYANT'S POND

Miss Ida Powers of the high school is taking charge at the postoffice during the illness of Postmaster Cole.

Ernest Cushman has arrived in Lakeland, Fla., where he has a position under the Government.

John F. Howe, mail carrier on route 1, has lately erected and finished a dwelling house near the crossing below the village.

Miss Thelma Farum is teaching in Greenwood, finishing up the remainder of a term there in the Bladige district.

Prof. Tolles of Bates lectured Saturday evening here before the Board of Trade on the subject of Mexico where he served three years as a teacher.

Mrs. David G. Swan, one of our oldest village residents, is quite feeble this winter.

Mrs. Anna M. Pett is staying with her mother, who has been quite poorly for several weeks.

A. W. Arkett, our photographer, was in Boston on business Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

The freezing of water pipes delayed the opening of the high school after the holidays. The pipes have been abandoned for the winter and water is taken from the brook.

The great sale continues. Come and see for yourself. L. M. STEARNS ad

WEST GREENWOOD

Misses Nellie and Mary Harrington visited at Mrs. Nellie Cross' on Friday.

Mr. Addie Connor is working at Mrs. Tyler's at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Albany called on Mrs. Dearden, recently.

Parker Conner is boarding at Holden Hall and attending Gould's Academy.

Mabel Harden visited her sister, Mrs. Popchan, at Bethel last week.

Annie Cross attended the basketball game at Bryant's Pond, Friday evening.

J. F. Harrington and Bernard Harrington saved wood for George Connor last week.

John Gill of Rumford is visiting his brother, Mike, who is ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanders visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kennagh, Sunday.

Lester Swan of Locke's Mills was at W. A. Holt's, Sunday.

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Parsons in this place have recently sold their ice houses.

Mr. Freeborn Bean is doing electrical work in Rumford.

Mrs. Etta Bartlett is spending several weeks as the guest of relatives in Berlin, N. H.

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Miss Bowen Tells How Rata Almost Burned Her House Down.

"For two months I never went in our cellar, fearing a rat. One night in bed I smelled fire. Sure enough the rat had been nibbling at the matches. If I hadn't acted promptly my house would have been burned. Later we found the dead rat. RATSNAP killed it. It's great stuff." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by G. L. Thurston Company, Bethel; W. E. Heserman, Bethel; C. E. Stowell & Son, Locke's Mills; Mark C. Allen, Bryant's Pond.

They will spend the winter.

Mr. Harold Hutchins and daughter, Ethel, were last week's guests of relatives at South Paris.

Many water pipes have been frozen the past two weeks, and several homes are without ready water.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell and son Parwell's, where Mr. Russell is working for the winter.

Mrs. Lucetta Dean in company with Mrs. Martha Bartlett of Hanover left Jan. 9th for St. Petersburg, Fla., where

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. H. C. Rowe was in Portland, Sunday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Portland, Monday.

Mrs. Philip Chapman was in Berlin, Wednesday.

Mr. Walter E. Bartlett was in Portland, Tuesday.

Mr. T. B. Burke was in Portland on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Douglass was in Norway one day last week.

Mr. A. E. Herrick went to Portland, Tuesday.

Mr. Chester Howe is employed in the G. L. Thurston Co. store.

Mr. Ralph Abbott of Mechanic Falls was calling on friends in town, Tuesday.

Miss Maria Mansfield was home from her school at No. Berwick for the week end.

Mr. Millie Clark is spending a few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kimball.

Mrs. Lenore Howe is clerking in Miss L. M. Stearns' store during the Clearance Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Benn of East Bethel were guests of Mrs. Edmund Merrill, Friday.

Mr. C. L. Mills went to Lewiston, Monday, to see his daughter, who is in the St. Marie Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Bean is caring for Mrs. Abbie Carver, who has so far recovered us to be able to sit up.

Mrs. M. L. Thurston went to Andover last week to spend a few days with her son, Mr. Lee Thurston, and family.

Mrs. Sidney Jodrey, Mrs. L. V. Bartlett, and Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight, and Vivian motored to Rumford, Thursday.

The Eastern Star plan to hold an initiation Thursday night to be followed by a chicken pie supper.

Miss Ruth Back, who has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck, left Saturday for Portland, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Vail, before returning to Ashburnham, Mass.

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\$5 or \$1000

You can carry a five dollar bill in your pocket, but you put a thousand dollar bill in the bank.

A greater risk requires a greater protection.

Do you apply this reasoning to your fire insurance, to your Accident and Health Insurance, to your Automobile Insurance, to your Burglary Insurance?

The value of property has doubled. So has the value of your health and your household goods.

Better get the greater protection of more insurance now. We will be glad to take this worry off your shoulders.

W. J. Wheeler & Co., INSURANCE AND PLANS, South Paris, Maine

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for a surgical operation, who has been operated upon.

Rufus Miller and Josephine were married at the First Congregational Church last week, Rev. Elmer Clapp officiating.

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The following officers have been elected by the Firemen's Relief Association for the coming year: W. F. Updike; B. E. Williams, Vice President; W. L. Chadwick, Secretary; H. L. Young, Treasurer; Alfred Sparks, three years; R. E. Williams, one year. The Firemen's Ball will be held on April 5th.

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RUMFORD

Phillip Gauthier is attending a dental college in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Minnie Beals is at the hospital for a surgical operation, the second time she has been operated upon this winter.

Raffael Miller and Josephine Leger were married at the French Catholic church last week. Rev. Father LaPlante officiating. The attendants were Archie Richard and Mrs. Hobert.

Clough & Pillsbury, Hicks & Pennell and Harry Marx are passing out some very pretty hand colored calendars. They were purchased of the H. J. Burrows Company of Portland.

Clan Chisholm will observe Burns' Anniversary in Municipal Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20. The Scottish musical comedy, "The Cotter's Saturday Night," a one act sketch, will be presented, after which dancing will be enjoyed. Dexter's Orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. Carrie Williams of Lewiston has been a recent guest in town.

The following officers of Penacook Lodge, L. O. O. F., were installed last week: N. G., James Shea; V. G., Elias Jacobs; Secretary, G. A. Peabody; Treasurer, C. G. Thurston; Warden, Ivory Goodwin; Conductor, William Gubor; Chaplain, Charles Freeman; R. S. N. G., Ray Williams; L. S. N. G., William Shand; I. G., Arthur Johnson; O. G., Leon Estates; L. S. V. G., Guy Merrill.

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The amount realized from the ball given by the Rumford Band to get money to purchase new uniforms amounted to \$140.75.

At the regular meeting of the Rumford Central Labor Union, the following officers were elected: Benjamin Schwindt, President; Emily N. Myers, Vice President; Alex Crossman, Recording Secretary; Edwin L. Labrecque, Secretary and Treasurer; Chester Jordan, Inn Guard; Frank Goodwin, Out Guard.

Leon M. Small, who has been deputy sheriff for several years past, has resigned his position from that office, and will run in the primaries as High Sheriff. Harry Cole of South Paris, the present High Sheriff, is also a candidate for another term in this office.

Mr. John E. Stephens of Prospect Avenue is at the McCarthy Hospital, where he is sick with the shingles.

The Rumford Driving Club have received a letter from the Berlin, N. H. Driving Club stating that they would be glad to come to Rumford, and join in special matched races in the early part of February. This club have voted to extend an invitation to the Berlin Club. Last year the Poland Club held a big week of races, and preparations are now going on with that club for another big week this year. An invitation from the secretary of the Poland Club has been received by the Rumford Club for that week, and it is probable that six or eight local horses will be sent over to take part in the carnival of February 20th and 21st. On this week Wednesday afternoon, races took place on the Rumford driving track when every horse finishing first was awarded a blue ribbon. At the end of the season, silver cups will be awarded to the owner having the most blue ribbons in his class. In the near future, plans will be discussed for having a race track and fair grounds for Rumford.

WEST BETHEL

E. B. Mason met with an accident by falling from the handcar on the railroad and cutting his knee badly. Mrs. Nottie Mason and son, Gordon, were in South Paris the last of the week to see Mrs. L. E. Dean and Miss Corp Bean.

Miss Marion Frost of Bethel village came up Tuesday night to attend the Grange installation, Mr. Morris of South Paris being the installing officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Heribner have both been sick. Their daughter, Mrs. Cora Brown, of Auburn is with them. They are reported to be on the mend.

O. D. Morrill was in Norway last week to visit relatives.

Little Miss Helen Brown of Bethel village visited her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Tyler, a few days last week.

BETHEL TESTIMONY

Home Proof, Here, There and Everywhere

When you see Doan's Kidney Pills recommended in this paper you must always find the recommender Bethel resident. It's the same everywhere—3,800 towns in the U. S. Fifty thousand people publicly thank Doan's. What other kidney remedy can give this proof of merit, honesty and truth? Home testimony must be true or it would not be published here. Read this Bethel recommendation. Then insist on having Doan's. You will know what you are getting:

A. L. Holt, carpenter, Elm St., says: "I am always ready to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills on account of the benefit they brought me. I keep Doan's Kidney Pills in the house and use them as I feel in need of them. I get Doan's at Bosselman's Drug Store and they quickly relieve any disorder of my kidneys and my confidence in them is very strong."

Price 6c, at all dealers. Don't ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Holt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Carl Andrews of the A. E. F. gave a very interesting talk in the parlors of the Universalist church on Sunday evening last on his experiences and impressions of army life in the American Army of Occupation in Germany. Mr. Andrews went over in the early spring of 1918, and was sent as one of the replacements to the fighting 9th of the regular army. It is almost inconceivable that he should come back without a scratch, as his regiment was in some of the hottest work in the last days of the war.

A bad accident occurred at the International paper mill on Monday morning of this week about eight o'clock. Several men were working about one of the big machines, putting on a wire screen, when a crane which runs over these big machines fell down, pinning these men under it. One, George Barnes, who lives on River street, was killed instantly, and it was thought that Peter Arsenault of Rangeley Place was also killed at the time, but upon his arrival at the hospital, it was found that he still remained, and as the day went on, it was thought that he would live. Four other men were badly injured, but at the last reports, they were all showing strong vitality.

Several explosions took place at the mill of the American Magnesium Company on Monday morning, the first department being called out to extinguish the fire which was the inevitable result.

No one being near just at that particular time, no lives were lost, but the grinding mill of the Company was entirely destroyed, being blown completely to pieces.

Herbert Barnett and Charles O'Brien left last week for the West, where they may remain for some time.

The fire department was called out on Monday afternoon for a fire which broke out in the carpenter shop of E. O. Kidder, and the picture framing place of Peter Markman on Prospect Avenue. Not much damage was done, and the fire was soon put out.

Alfred E. Jones, who for many years past has been a driver for Dr. J. A. Niles, expects soon to open an office for insurance and real estate business. For some time past Mr. Jones has done a splendid business in the line of insurance.

The Silver Grays held their January monthly dance in McMennamin Hall on Monday evening of this week.

ANDOVER

Sylvanus Poor and Lawrence Parsons have returned from Alma, where they attended the funeral of their father, Mr. Joseph Parsons.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Fred Milton, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Frank Davis; Vice President, Mrs. L. E. Mills; Secretary, Mrs. Nonie Crossman; Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Rand.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett are moving to Glenella.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met as usual Saturday evening with sixteen members present. Mrs. C. A. Rand and L. M. Hawey won the first prizes and Y. A. Thurston and Mrs. Ada Merrill the second. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Mr. A. J. Marble of Rumford Point was in town buying cattle last week.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P., held its annual installation of officers Friday evening, Jan. 9. D. D. G. C. Nathan Akers of Rumford installed the officers in a pleasing manner. He was assisted by Mr. Herbert Allen of Rumford, who gave some interesting readings. Refreshments were served after which dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall and children and Mr. L. R. Hall were guests Sunday at Winthrop Akers and wife. Mr. Willis Kilgore has been ill the past week.

Annie Akers, who teaches in Rumford, attended the K. of P. installation in town, Friday evening.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Andover Water Co., held Tuesday evening in the Hook and Ladder Hall, H. M. Thomas was elected clerk, and Y. A. Thurston, F. P. Thomas, J. A. French, C. A. Rand and C. C. Swett board of directors. Immediately after the directors held their meeting and elected the following officers: President, Y. A. Thurston; Vice President, F. P. Thomas; Secretary, H. M. Thomas; Treasurer, J. A. French. A dividend of 5 per cent was declared on the outstanding stock.

P. P. Thomas returned from a business trip to New York, Saturday. Charles Poor is hauling birch to the spool mill.

There was an interesting game of basketball at the town hall, Saturday evening between the Bryant's Pond team and Andover, resulting in a victory for Andover.

Viola Learned and Mrs. Frank Langevin have returned from a visit with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Robert Thurlow from Cornish is visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Learned.

The King's Daughters will meet this Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Grover.

Florence Akers, who teaches in Rumford, was at her home over Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothy Baker from Wiscasset has been visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Harrison Amber of Rangeley has been visiting her parents, O. A. Burgess and wife.

WHY NOT BUY IT IN MAINE?

WEST PARIS

Saturday evening the officers of W. Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed by D. D. G. M. E. D. Curtis assisted by G. M. G. L. Jackson.

N. G.—Arthur E. Dean.

V. G.—Frank Littlehale.

Rec. Soc.—Lorenzo Littlehale.

Fin. Soc.—B. M. Richardson.

Treasurer—L. H. Emery.

Warden—Floreston Pierce.

Conductor—Harry Rowe.

Chaplain—W. S. Ring.

R. S. N. G.—G. L. Jackson.

L. S. N. G.—Morton Curtis.

R. S. V. G.—M. T. Chase.

L. S. V. G.—Alfred Andrews.

O. G.—Roscoe Dougherty.

I. G.—Harry Jacobs.

R. S. S.—Howard Allen.

L. S. S.—Clifton Richardson.

Rev. H. A. Markley has been suffering from a severe cold. Mrs. Markley occupied the pulpit last Sunday, Mr. Markley assisting.

The week of prayer was observed by the churches of West Paris in union services last week. The general theme was "The Church Awakened by Her New Opportunities," and the several topics considered were: Tuesday night, "The Church Awakened by a Vision of the World's Needs," at the Universalist church; Thursday night, "The Church Awakened by the Call for Workers, and the New Call for Cooperation," at the Finnish Congregational church; Friday night, "The Church Awakened by the Revival of Family Religion," at the Methodist church. Subject for sermons in the churches on Sunday, the 11th, was "The Church Awakened by a Rediscovery of the Reality of Prayer."

The union meetings during the week of prayer have been helpful and quite well attended. Especially large was the attendance at the Finnish Congregational church. The Boy Scouts were present at the service at the M. E. church Friday evening and gave their Scout oath, and three new members gave the Scout oath and were admitted to membership by the Scoutmaster, Rev. H. A. Markley.

The officers of Onward Rebekah Lodge were installed Tuesday evening of last week by D. D. P. Mrs. Addie Ramsell, assisted by D. D. G. M. Mrs. Susan Edwards of Bethel:

N. G.—Myrtle Dean.

V. G.—Ida Jacobs.

Rec. Soc.—Leona P. Bidlon.

Fin. Soc.—Juliette F. Curtis.

Treas.—Ethel Penley.

Warden—Lottie Pratt.

Conductor—Lillian Doughty.

O. G.—Wm. Pierce.

I. G.—Stella Dean.

Chaplain—Winnie Bidlon.

R. S. N. G.—Ina Martin.

L. S. N. G.—Nottie Swan.

R. S. V. G.—Marion Mayhew.

L. S. V. G.—Agnes Gray.

Grand Officers:

Grand Warden—Mahol Ricker.

Grand Secretary—Mildred Davis.

Grand Treasurer—Marion Mayhew.

Grand Chaplain—Sarah Curtis.

Grand Guardian—Ina Martin.

Grand Herald—Margaret Farrar.

CONSOLATION

By George Wilson Jennings

The greatest trial in life that humanity has to contend with is the loss we suffer through the death of friends, those that are near and dear to us.

In such an emergency we turn for help and strength to the Great Architect of the Universe. That "He is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble," every one who has been in the ordeal of affliction has invoked Divine assistance, can readily testify. Second only to this source of consolation is that which emanates from true and loyal friendship, each friend to whom we confide our griefs expressing sympathy and often revealing to us the path by which we reach a healing spring of comfort.

"Sympathy is the sweetest of jewels, The rarest of all its kind, The gem most nearly royal, Yet the hardest of all to find."

The above thoughts were recently borne home to the writer upon learning of the sudden death of his lifelong friend, who experienced great comfort in the knowledge that throughout her entire life she had been a source of helpfulness to others, when they had been sorely tried through affliction. Of her it could be said, "Her trust being in God her faith was well founded." What consolation it is to those who are left, to look over the past life of this dear departed friend whose days had been filled with good deeds, and doing all that was possible to afford both spiritual and material help to others. Such lives are never forgotten. It was Henry Ward Beecher who once said: when calling on a friend who had lost his mother, "The greatest afflictions have their sweetness when shared."

This assurance we have, that just a little later on we will have the experience of that blessed reunion to which we all look forward as in our greatest consolation in life, as well in the life hereafter. But we never shall remove life's pressure. We are bearers of burdens like the ships that traverse the sea, and to be heavily freighted is always better than to sail in ballast, for the weight of our burden is the assurance of its great value.

So in life we must meet the grey days hopefully, not mournfully, and greatly rejoice that we have that consolation as well as assurance that it will always be morning when we reach, "That land bourn from whence no traveller returns."

Charter No. 7613
Reserve District No. One
REPORT OF THIS CONDITION
OF THE

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK,
At Bethel, in the State of Maine, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1919.

RESOURCES

1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown in b and c), \$71,074.50

5 a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value), 10,000.00

f Owned and pledged, 20,070.50

Total U. S. Government securities, 30,070.50

6 e Securities, other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged,

Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription), 50,400.00

12 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, 1,030.00

14 Cash in vault and not amounts due from national banks, 53,053.45

Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, 53,052.45

18 Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items, 233.25

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasury, 500.00

20 Interest earned but not collected — approximate on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due, 360.00

Total, LIABILITIES \$22,692.61

22 Capital stock paid in, 425,000.00

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POEMS WORTH READING

THE LOST IDEA

The shadowy twilight was dropping
Its wavering curtain of gray
Down o'er the streets of the village.
As far o'er the hills crept the day.
The man with brass buttons stood
watching.

Night pin on her mantle with stars,
While faded away in the distance.
The clouds with their crimson-tipped
bars.

Then soft at his side a low whisper,
"Please, Mr. Polkeman, I've come
To ask you to lend me your 'distance'
In bringin' a lost sonny home."
And there with her blue eyes uplifted,
The moonlight a gleam in her ears,
Her baby face anxious and thoughtful,
She walked the sweater of girls.

"Well, now," said the gruff old police
man
Spoke low in a kind, gentle tone,
Didst draw from the stars up yonder
Else who be ye here all alone?"
"Please, Mr. Polkeman, my papa
Is dead in a man's dreary plight;
He's tryin' to think out his sermon,
But somehow it doesn't come right."

"He sits in the library a-watin'.
His forehead all pucker'd up—no
I says don't see my doll's bonnet.
He just shaken his head an' says
"No."

I wants to kn—what am the reason
He doesn't say makin' to me?
An' then he looks crosser an' crosser,
An' says "Cause he's lost an' al—"

"I 'cladred that I would go find it.
I's looked everywhere through the street,
But I can't find a single thing of it.
An' now I'm more tired on my feet
Please, Mr. Polkeman, I'm sorry,
But wouldn't you find it for me?
Then papa will smile when I tells him
We found his lost papa!"



Cut of accumulated capital have given all the increases
of industry and applied science; all the products and accomplish-
ments of the centuries. Use it the world must depend
for the power of reconstruction in which all have to share.

—JAMES J. HILL

The Successful Farmer
Raises Bigger Crops

and cuts down costs by investment in
labor-saving machinery.

Good prices for the farmers' crops en-
courage new investment, more production
and greater prosperity.

But the success of agriculture depends
on the growth of railroads—the modern
beasts of burden that haul the crops to
the world's markets.

The railroads—like the farms—increase
their output and cut down unit costs by
the constant investment of new capital.

With fair prices for the work they do,
the railroads are able to attract new capital
for expanding their facilities.

Rates high enough to yield a fair return
will insure railroad growth, and prevent
costly traffic congestion, which invariably
results in poorer service at higher cost.

National wealth can increase only as our
railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any
price. No growing country can long pay
the price of inadequate transportation
facilities.

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THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN, BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1920.

Pleasing Pies



Slade's Spices Flavor Best

He tenderly lifted the baby
And kissed the face, tearful and
sweet.
And then through the twilight, the
starlight,
He wended his way down the street.
At night let her curtain down o'er them
They hastened on homeward to see
If papa was still in the library.
And if he had found his idea."

TAKE TIME
Take time for the things worth while;
Don't be too busy to smile;
Perchance it may brighten
A sad heart, or lighten
Some load o'er the long weary miles.

Take time for the helping hand;
It may cause some brother to stand
Out more on his feet.
Temptations to meet,
With courage at his command.

Take time to be loyal or true
To the best that is given to us.
A kind, loving devil
May scatter good seed.
Not bring a titch backset to view.

Take time to be patient and kind;
Don't be too hasty to mind
The best things of life.

In the mad, sordid strife,
Where the mills of the money gods
grind.

Take time to gather and hold
The treasures far better than gold.
'Tis a long, weary lane,
This scramble for gain,
When the whole of life's story is told.

For when you have reached the last
goal,

And the Great master closes the scroll,

The dollars and cents

Will be small recompense,

The price of a poor, wizened soul.

—Clara R. Hall, Burt, N. Y.

FOOTSTEPS OF ANGELS

When the hours of Day are numbered
And the voices of the night

Wake the better soul that slumbered,
To a holy, calm delight.

Ere the evening lamps are lighted
And like phantoms grim and tall,
Shadows from the fitful fire light
Dance upon the parlor wall.

Then the forms of the departed
Enter at the open door;

The beloved, the true hearted
Came to visit me once more.

He the young and strong who cherished
Sobie longing for the strife,
By the roadside fell and perished,
Weary with the march of life!

They, the holy ones and weakly
Who the cross of suffering bore,
Folded their pale hands so weakly,
Spare us on earth no more!

And with them the Being Beauteous,
Who unto my youth was given,
More than all things else to love me,
And is now a saint in Heaven.

With a slow and noiseless footstep
Comes that messenger divine,
Takes the vacant chair beside me,
Lays her gentle hand on mine.

And she sits and gazing at me
With those deep and tender eyes,
Like the stars, so still and saint like,
Looking downward from the skies.

Welted not yet comprehend
In the spirit's voiceless prayer
What solace in blessing ended
Locating from his lips of ore

as though of diamond and lapis,
All the earth and all gods.

If I but rememb're
On how the love lived and died
—H. W. Longfellow

THE END OF THE WAY

Me life is a continual journey,
I'm on with the rest and the rest.
The road of the bent head goes
The burdens are waiting for me.

But the rest go on, I am yearning
With them, then the trials repeat
And the trials on the road will even
nothing.

When I get to the end of the way,

Then on so many falls to climb up
ward.

I often am longing for rest!

But He who appoints my pathway
Knows just what is needful and least
I know in His word He has promised
That my strength shall be on my day
And the tools of the road will seem
nothing.

When I get to the end of the way,

He gives me too well to forsake me
Or give me too much for much.

All the people have been weary
since I began.

And often we have claim each
by me to I shall see Him and go to
Him.

In the city of unending day,

And the falls of the road are many

When I get to the end of the way.

With the last form of the road been
up.

And the gates of the City appear,

When the beautiful wings of the angels
Flit out on my listening ear.

When all that now seems so mysterious
shall be plain and as clear as the day,

Then the tools of the road will seem
nothing.

As I get to the end of the way.

Though I am fatigued and weary,
I shall rest when I am safely at home.

For I will perceive a glad welcome,
For the Master Himself has said

—C. S.

So when I am weary in body
And lacking in spirit, I say.

When I get to the end of the day.

SOUTH PARIS

On Friday evening, Jan. 16, at the Congregational vestry will be given the drama, "Just Plain Dot," which is being prepared by the Junior Christian Endeavorers. Mrs. T. S. Barnes is directing the play.

The following were elected as delegates to represent the Congregational Sunday School at the State Boys' Conference in Portland, Jan. 23, 24, 25: Henry Howard, Stanley Greene, Gordon Powers, Reginald Porter, with Mr. Robert Wise as leader.

Mrs. Addie Ramsell and Mrs. Susan Edwards were here last week from Bethel to install officers at Mt. Pleasant Releah Lodge, after the oyster supper was enjoyed, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Briggs, formerly of South Paris, moved last week from Wilton to Waterville, where Mr. Briggs has accepted a position in the People's National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stunt have returned from Portland, where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Leona, to Rev. Webster Areson of Boston.

Roy E. Cole of Canton, Mass., was here Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cole's father, William J. Wheeler, John J. Murphy, who has been confined to the house for a few weeks with asthma, is suffering from a severe cold.

James D. Haynes, clerk at the N. Dayton Bolster store, is ill with a very bad cold in his lungs.

Elisia Turner of Bolster's Mills has been a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Lowell.

Arthur R. Stowell of Locke's Mills was in town one day last week.

Miss Christine Noyes, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Noyes, who has been ill of neuralgic fever, is much improved.

George Hale of Woodfords, formerly of South Paris, has moved his family to Terry, N. H., where he has bought a house.

A wedding reception will be given Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shurbert, Wednesday evening at the Mountain Club house by friends and neighbors.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald S. Bartlett will entertain the Kippel Club at their home on Park street, Friday evening.

The Seneca Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Leslie L. Mason, Monday evening, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Alice C. Wheeler, hostesses.

On Jan. 26, will be held a special Board of Trade meeting. Important business, and all are urged to attend.

There will be a Leap Year ball at Paris Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29, in charge of the young ladies.

Paris High school scholars are preparing for a fair and supper to be held in February.

Ralph B. Butts is installing a bath room and furnace heat in Dr. Raymond's new home.

Archie Cole was in Bryant's Pond, Friday, on business.

A. F. Goldsmith went to Portland, Friday, on business for the Burnham & Morrill corn shop.

Tobman Whitman, a boy of his home on Park street,

is getting the mumps.

A wedding of much interest to both the friends and the rest of the town is that of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of South Paris, who became the bride and the groom.

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THE POWER OF THRIFT

By WILLIAM MATHER LEWIS
Director Savings Division, Treasury Department

National Thrift Campaign is Helping Americans to Financial Independence.

NEARLY A MILLION WOMEN ENROLLED IN THRIFT ARMY

A pessimistic citizen was reviving himself of a few gloomy thoughts relative to this fast dying year, 1919. "The trouble with America" said he, "is that the people won't get together on anything. Talk about the rapidity with which we organized our national resources to lick the Hun. Why say—our speed in demobilization makes that look like a funeral procession. Every man for himself and the Devil make the ultimate consumer is the national slogan. At forgetting the lessons of the war our battering average in the League of Nations is 1000."

All Behind Thrift Movement
On the face of the returns it seems if the depressed one was right. But fortunately here and there are indications that after all the disintegration of national solidarity is more apparent than real. It is rather significant, for instance, that the American Federation of Labor, the American Bankers Association, the National Educational Association, the Elks, the Rotary Clubs, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ladies of the Tabernacles, the National Catholic War Council, the Council of Jewish Women, and hundreds of other organizations representing every shade of thought and policy have all pledged themselves during the year to stand behind one great national movement.

Need of Thrift Today
The man whom the Chicago police recently disbarred from feeding ten horses to a horse is president of a lodge attended by the youth with \$3000 dollar silk shirts; the stenographer with the four hundred dollars for coat, the munition makers' wife with the \$350,000 pendant, and the joyous train who are making jaded grooms.

And in this period of reaction, of bad and nervous extravagance, The Treasury Department of the United States arose and said: "At this moment when the captains and the kings of war will call the people back to the thrift of war days. We will lay what the war cost in money material. We will bring out of the chaos of reconstruction a strong America." And there was created Treasury Department's Thrift and Savings Movement, built upon the solid foundation of the Savings campaign conducted during the war. The instruments of war finance, Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps offered a means of saving by lessons of the accumulation of small steady investment could be taught. These Stamps were the means of raising almost \$100 million of revenue for the government during the war and had become popular. It was therefore decided that they should be continued and their name, W S S, which assuming the importance of a mark, should be permanently used.

America Faces Financial Freedom
Nationally Government Departments are charged with duplication, but in the thrift movement Treasury Department has been aided with intelligent and cordial cooperation by other official agencies. Farmers of America have received the thrift message because the Department of Agriculture has advised its County Agents with the help of the Thrift and Savings Agent and has instructed them to tell the workers in the fields

SAVINGS STAMPS MUST BE ATTACHED TO CARDS

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of some people to the effect that Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are redeemable when detached from the official thrifit card or War Savings Certificate issued to contain these securities, Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, is sending out information calling attention to the government ruling which states that neither Thrift Stamps nor War Savings Stamps are cashable unless they are affixed to the official cards framed by the government for this purpose.

Information which has reached the headquarters of the Savings Division shows that some people have attempted to cash either their Thrift Stamps or War Savings Stamps when not attached to cards. When refused payment they have been rather at sea as to why they should be refused. Mrs. Higginson points out that if the people will be sure that these securities are affixed to the cards issued by the U. S. Government only, it will not only save trouble for themselves, but will also make things easier for the postal officials.

JOHN WANAMAKER:—The first principle of money making is money saving.

HENRY FORD:—Thrift is one of the cornerstones on which mankind must be constructed.

Your Best Handout



WOMEN WAR WORKERS, EAGER TO SERVE, GO TO AID ARMENIANS

Mary Vail Andrees, Only Woman to Receive Distinguished Service Medal, Heads Party.

Dissatisfied with uneventful civilian life, after two years' vivid experience as workers abroad in the world war a party of young women, led by Miss Mary Vail Andrees, of New York City, have just gone to the Near East.

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Even inspired city bosses have their day. Besim Bey came when the Near East Relief agents found that thorough Armenian relief work could be done in that city, while such conditions of terrorization existed. General MacAndrea ordered the arrest and removal of the six worst Turks in the city that ruled the city, and Besim Bey qualified, as usual, for first place.

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JAN. 1 WITNESSES OPENING OF 1920 NATIONAL THRIFT CAMPAIGN IN NEW ENGLAND

Success of Campaign to Date Prompts Treasury Dept. to Continue Thrift Education and Sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

January 1 witnessed the opening of the 1920 National Thrift Campaign in New England to date Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of savings, First Federal Reserve District, praises the cooperation of the postmasters, heads of women's clubs, labor leaders, school superintendents, school teachers, heads of women's clubs, labor leaders, bankers and the executive heads of many of New England's business enterprises.

Following out the policy of the 1919 campaign which aimed to teach the people of the country thrift and the benefits derived from the safe investment of their savings in the surest securities in the world, Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, it is expected that the 1920 campaign will be even more successful than the one of the previous year.

MARY'S LAMB AGAIN

Mary had a little book,
With pages white as snow;
And everywhere that Mary went
That book was sure to go.

Because it was a Thrift Stamp book,
Its pages neat and clean
Were just to paste her Thrift Stamps
In

And showed all white and green.

She saved her pennies, one by one,
The dull ones and the bright;
She kept on buying more Thrift Stamps
And pasted them in tight.

Cutting Coal Costs

By An Expert.

Are you burning coal to warm your house or outdoors? The high cost of coal should be kept closed except when starting the fire, otherwise most of the heat goes up the chimney.

The damper in the cooling door should be used only to let in air to consume gases that are formed, especially when soft coal is used.

The ash-pit damper admits air necessary for the ignition of the coal or wood. Regulate the air supply by the damper—not by opening the ash-pit door.

In building a fire close dampers, remove ashes, put in crumpled newspaper, cover with kindlings laid crosswise, add a thin layer of coal, open the ash pit and smoke pipe, damper and light the fire.

For good heating, regular care of a furnace is noted, attend it from two to four times a day. In adding a large amount of coal, have part of the glowing fire exposed. Clean the ash pits daily. Keep the fire pot full. Better heat is obtained if the fuel is kept even with the fire door in front and a little higher in the back.

Fuel saved is money saved and money grows when put into War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates.

The torn damper fits loosely so that

Handling the Household Income

By B. AGNES DONHAM

The first of the year means a definite list of all expenses for the next year, with provision for emergencies and consideration of the needs of the family for fun, social life, giving and saving. Then, we divide the income that each of the needs is taken care of and a regular sum is set aside monthly as a sinking fund to meet the large bills which come in at intervals.

Such a plan as this will help to make it unnecessary for all other purchases to stop when the children need shoes or taxes are due.

When the income varies from month to month it is more difficult to plan but with an idea of the probable minimum amount, a plan can be made, and if the surplus is saved in a special fund for one year, it can be used to even up the income for the next year and thus make planning easier.

It is always safer to spend during a month only what is on hand at the beginning of the month, thus during January pay cash or charge only such things as the money on hand January 1 will pay for. This necessitates careful living for a time until the full amount of income for one month has accumulated, but once accomplished it gives a feeling of safety, and soon which is well worth the effort it re-

quires.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.
(Continued from page 1)

ington, with a dozen regional boards of inquiry and adjustment throughout the country, to investigate, try and determine disputes arising between employers and employees.

And in order to insure confidence in these tribunals the men composing them are to be selected through nominations which will be made in a way satisfactory to both the employing and the employed classes, with due regard for the public—that same public which Carlyle said was "an old woman"—and which is sure to be satisfied if two such contending classes as employers and employees can be brought together in harmony.

HINDENBURGS IN INDUSTRY

The statement of the President's Industrial Conference passes rather easily over the relations of the public utilities, but the spirit of the document is to create machinery that will make strikes unnecessary. But it does not forbid strikes except among government employees, policemen, and the like. The purpose is to establish a sort of league of industry, where aggrieved mortals can bring their grievances and get justice.

It is not surprising that the Hindenburgs of American industrial affairs should have thus early aligned themselves against the constructive plan set forth by the Industrial Conference, and the first voice of opposition comes from Mr. Gompers' office, from whence many substitutes for work have emanated.

"Any plan to establish or maintain anything like fair relations between workers and employers must avoid compulsory features," says Mr. Gompers; to which Secretary Morrison adds that the report offers "no hope to lovers of industrial peace who see the necessity of abolishing autocracy in industry."

This interpreted into American English speech means that these autocrats of labor's council board insist that any laws that prohibit strikes are unacceptable to them—possibly because strikes are their "life and trade." The Comptees have repeatedly denounced the "radicals" in their conventions as "useless, dyes, etc., it finds its greatest usefulness." It is only within recent years that it has become a menace to life and limb, for formerly it was a disagreeable smelling, tasting, and appearing liquid which would tempt no one to drink it as a beverage. A chemical process and passing by all the censures now renders it odorless and colorless, and it can be easily substituted for grain alcohol by unscrupulous manufacturers of beverages.

"Denatured alcohol, which usually consists of 90 per cent grain alcohol and 10 per cent wood alcohol, is just as unfit for drinking as when medicated with the coal strike when he asserted that there is involved the right and power of the Government to vindicate its own authority and sovereignty."

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DO WE OWE EUROPE MONEY?

Europe owes the United States ten billions of dollars, to which is to be added a billion and a half dollars in interest. At the top of this comes the debt of certain American bankers and statesmen that we should loan Europe ten billion dollars more, "to rehabilitate them," and to keep them from starving.

The total debt of the United States when we entered the war was less than one billion dollars. The liquidation of debts, to which is to be added a billion and a half dollars in interest, will be illuminating, since there has been so many contradictory statements that the people, between their shivers, have not known what to believe. Now the operators, fearful that they will get the short end of any new readjustment of wages and prices, are voicing a protest, declaring that they never agreed to any change beyond the Garfield figures. Dissatisfaction among those who live from the mining of coal does not have the merit of being original. Meanwhile coal bins are full, and there is again plenty of sugar for the town, and the complacent public is in an attitude of forgiving and forgetting, while money watches over the coal review.

The extravagance of "Coal Oil John" and the recklessness with his money of the famed "Drunken Baller" are comparable to the open-handed豪放大方 of Parisians in his role of stage manager to the whole world, and "angels" for all the actors.

In consequence, with every means of taxation and revenue now to force being exhausted, the American people will face a total deficit by June 30, 1921, of approximately six billion dollars.

The ultimate reasoning is that values in this country have perceptibly increased. The pictures may be swatted, and in many instances there should be a stabilization of prices. But just the same this nation has passed into a general bankruptcy. Bankrupt, and under a wizard not a wise one figures out that the vast majority of things that have to be paid for in dollars and cents by American men and women can possibly be much cheaper than they are at present.

If course taxes have greatly increased. But the process of "getting and spending" has been compared by someone in the case of the cat chasing its own tail.

So far as dollars and cents are concerned there might consider that this country is already in rather bad with its own basket. And from most of that proposed ten billions there might accept according to be extracted.

DR. BRISTOL WARNS
AGAINST WOOD ALCOHOL

Although Maine so far has been providentially spared participation in the poison whiskey horror which marked the holiday season in sister states, Dr. Leverett D. Bristol of the Maine State Department of Health, of which he is commissioner, is issuing timely warning against the use of wood alcohol as a beverage. He says:

"One teaspoonful of wood alcohol, taken internally, is sufficient to cause blindness, and in larger quantities will often result in death. If you value your life and your eyesight never use denatured, medicated, or wood alcohol for drinking purposes."

The commissioner continues: "As a guardian of the public health, the Maine Department of Health is sending forth this warning. The harmful action of the poison comes not only from drinking it, but over inhaling it, and from absorption through the mucous membranes of the body. Its effect is usually immediately noticeable and within a few hours, a violent headache will be felt, accompanied by vomiting and violent pains in the region of the kidneys, together with excessive dizziness. Blindness, either partial or complete and generally permanent is one of the most frightful symptoms."

"There is no specific remedy for the cure of wood alcohol poisoning but persons having suspicious symptoms should call upon a competent physician at once for advice and such treatment as stimulation and adequate elimination."

"The tremendous death toll in the Connecticut Valley during the Christmas season when this wood alcohol 'whiskey' was purchased and consumed by so many unsuspecting persons, brings the matter into the foreground as demanding prompt warning to the public of the dangers of careless drinking."

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U. S. Government Warns Farmers About Disease Caused by Rat

They carry plague, fatal to human beings. They carry foot and mouth disease, which is fatal to stock. They kill chickens, eat grain, cause destruction to property. If you have rats RAT NAIF will kill them. Crements rate after killing them leaves no smell. Comes in cakes, ready for use. Three acres, 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by G. L. Thurston Company, Bethel, W. E. Rossman, Bethel; C. E. Stowell & Son, Locke's Mills, Mark G. Alton Bryant's Pond.

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Meanwhile coal bins are full, and there is again plenty of sugar for the town, and the complacent public is in an attitude of forgiving and forgetting, while money watches over the coal review.

THE LEAGUE OF DEBATING

From all accounts Christmas and New Year's turkeys at eight o'clock a.m. to Washington have not served to shorten the digests of the Senate of the Senate, and in consequence peace among its members is as far off as peace with Germany, and this ancient League of Debating has reverted to the language of "talking of graves, of worms, and epitaphs," while the country stands but faced on the "waiting list." Still there is a daily and abiding faith that the middle ground will yet be reached, that will put the peace treaty and the League of Nations across.

So far as dollars and cents are concerned there might consider that this country is already in rather bad with its own basket. And from most of that proposed ten billions there might accept according to be extracted.

FERTILIZER CONTAINING BORAX REQUIRES CARE IN ITS USE

Apparent Limits of Safety Determined by Investigations. Comprehensive Survey Expected to Determine Whether Commercial Grades Carry Injurious Amounts

The United States Department of Agriculture issues the following statement:

The disastrous results experienced in 1919 by farmers in some sections of the country, where fertilizers containing borax were unwittingly applied, has aroused apprehension that the experience may be repeated in the spring of 1920. This substance, which is highly toxic to crop plants, is not known to have been present in appreciable quantities in the materials commercially available for fertilizer uses prior to the war.

The scarcity of potash during the war, which still continues to a considerable extent, brought into use a product, derived from at least two new sources, which carried enough borax to be harmful to crops if applied in the usual quantities by the methods generally practiced. If there were available sufficient supplies of noncontaminated material to meet the agricultural needs of the country, it would probably be safer for farmers to reject all fertilizers containing appreciable amounts of borax, except in those cases where the applications are relatively light and can be broadcast or very thoroughly mixed with the soil.

It appears, however, that a large proportion of the potash salts available for fertilizer use in the spring of 1920 contains more or less borax. Recently, also, it has been discovered that nitrate of soda as imported contains some borax.

Experiments Conducted

As these conditions have become known, the United States Department of Agriculture and some of the State experiment stations have been actively studying the subject and conducting experiments with a view to determine the extent to which fertilizers containing borax may safely be applied. While the observations and tests of a single season can not be regarded as final, it appears to be well established that, under intensive use, where the fertilizer is put in the row or hill and the seeds or plants are brought into virtual contact with it, about 2 pounds per acre of anhydrous borax marks the limit of safety. Where it is broadcast or thoroughly mixed with the soil, 10 pounds of anhydrous borax per acre may be regarded as within the limit of safety.

The department is now making a very comprehensive survey of all the ordinary fertilizer materials with a view to ascertain whether any of the commercial grades carry injurious amounts of borax or whether mixtures of any two or more of these materials will give rise to excessive quantities of borax in mixed fertilizers.

In the meantime, and while these investigations are proceeding, in order to protect the people of the United States and to conserve the food supply, the

department, on October 24, 1919, addressed a letter to all brokers, fertilizer manufacturers, and dry mixers, who are under license under the control act of August 10, 1917, stating that the department would not permit more than 2 pounds per ton of anhydrous borax in mixed fertilizers, unless the presence of an excess of this amount is plainly indicated on the container. It was further stated that the purpose of this regulation was to insure that no fertilizer application which would add more than 2 pounds of borax to the acre would be made by farmers without their knowledge.

The Secretary of Agriculture, on December 6, 1919, issued a formal order prohibiting the sale of mixed fertilizer containing borax in excess of one-tenth of 1 per cent, unless the containers are so labeled as to show the percentage of borax present.

Observing Safety Limit

This action was designed to protect the farmer in the use of as much as a ton of fertilizer per acre, applied in the drill, or to give him notice that the material contained borax. If the fertilizer contains more than 2 pounds of borax per ton, it is thought that it may be safely used, provided proper attention is given to the method of application and the amount applied per acre. If it contains 0.2 per cent of borax, 1,000 pounds per acre may be used in the drill without exceeding the 2 pounds per acre, the indicated limit of tolerance. If it contains 0.4 per cent, 500 pounds in the drill would not exceed the apparent limit of safety.

If, on the other hand, the fertilizer is broadcast and contains 0.5 per cent of borax, then a ton may be applied broadcast without exceeding the limit of 10 pounds per acre of anhydrous borax, the indicated limit of safety for this mode of application. If it contains 1 per cent of borax, then an application of 1,000 pounds per acre broadcast could be made without exceeding the indicated limit of safety for this method.

It is expected that, since the producers of raw fertilizer materials have been advised of the vital importance of this matter, they will hereafter pay the strictest attention to the method of preparing the materials and to the purification of them, so far as possible, through the elimination of borax. It is also evident that the manufacturers, for their own protection, will buy materials for their different grades of fertilizers on the basis of their borax content, as they now do for the fertilizer constituents of which their different brands are composed. A strict compliance on the part of manufacturers with the department's rulings, and the intelligent use of the fertilizers in the manner above described, should protect the farmers from loss and damage to their crops while the whole matter is being further investigated by the department and by the State experiment stations.

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MORE FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE HOME-GROWN FRUIT ON TABLE

Home Orchard Deserves More Attention from Farmers. Over Most of Country Enough Varieties Can Be Grown to Provide Fresh and Canned Fruit Year Round

In many sections of Florida and California the housewife needs only to step outside of her kitchen door to gather the grapefruit for breakfast or the oranges for dinner. This can not be done everywhere, but there is no reason why any rural or suburban housewife, even if she lives close to the Canadian border, should not have fruit of some kind growing in the back yard. This is the opinion of specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture, who treat in detail the subject of "Growing Fruit for Home Use" in a publication under that name. It is Farmers' Bulletin 1001 and may be obtained on application to the Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The ideal fruit garden or home orchard should contain several different kinds of fruits, represented in many cases by a considerable number of varieties ripening one after another over a long period. Large yields, good shipping quality, and attractiveness in appearance, which are aims of the commercial grower, may be made secondary to high dessert quality or special excellence for cooking purposes.

Plans for Home Orchard

The home fruit plot should be planned carefully and, in general, with a view to supplying fruit continuously throughout the year either in fresh state or canned or otherwise conserved. Throughout a large part of the country one may grow in the same garden, if he so desires, the following fruits: Apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, quinces, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, dewberries, currants, gooseberries, and grapes. In the colder sections the winters are too severe for peaches and also for some of the other fruits named unless they are protected; while in the warmer parts apples, currants, gooseberries, and certain varieties of several of the other fruits fail because they are not adapted to the long hot summers and mild winters. But in these warmer regions Japanese persimmons succeed, and in some of them figs and certain other fruits can be planted successfully. Therefore, one of the most important features of the plan for the home-fruit plantation is the selection of kinds of fruits and varieties of those kinds which will do well in the given locality and which will serve best the purpose for which they are desired.

The location of the land on which the fruits are planted, other things being equal, should be convenient to the house. It should be well drained, since fruit trees can not thrive in poorly drained soil. The air drainage also must be good. Cold air settles to the lowest levels; and, if a site is so located that cold air settles over it from some surrounding higher elevation, the fruit blossoms are likely to be killed by intense spring frosts; or the fruit may be injured by frost in the autumn when sites located on the sides of slopes or at points which are higher than the surrounding area escape such injury.

Most fruits can be grown on a great variety of soils, but where possible it is better to avoid light sandy soils and heavy clays. A deep subsoil, which is friable and porous enough to permit a ready movement of soil moisture, is desirable.

Good nursery stock of suitable kinds and varieties is fundamental to success in fruit growing. While many of the long-established nurseries sell their stock largely through agents whose integrity is unquestioned, many other nurseries have no travelling agents, but sell direct to purchasers. It is better, as a rule, for a grower to deal directly with a nurseryman rather than through an agent.

When to Plant Fruit Trees

In the North, and wherever the winter conditions are severe on plant life, rather than low temperatures, drying winds, or other causes, fruits are usually planted in the spring as early as the soil can be put in suitable condition. It is to be expected to occur in a fruit garden while the plants are perfectly dormant and before the buds have started. Many failures result from delaying the planting until the buds have started into growth.

In middle latitudes, and in the South, where winter conditions are favorable, planting in the autumn after well-matured nursery stock can be obtained is widely practiced, and is usually preferable to spring planting. In some parts of the South planting may be done at almost any time during the winter.

If the prospective planter prepares the soil where his fruits are to stand as thoroughly as he should prepare his garden before planting vegetable seeds, the subsequent growth of his fruit trees will amply repay him. Where the site selected is in sod, it is advisable to cultivate it during one season at least after the sod is plowed under in order that the grass roots may decay before the fruits are planted.

Where the fruit plantation occupies a garden site, usually it should receive

ALBANY

Friday evening was spent very pleasantly by members and friends of the Circle. A bountiful supper was served, after which a short program was given, which was as follows:

Singing, Battle Hymn of the Republic Reading, Anna Cummings Dialogue, When Pa Tried Mental Healing, Jack McNally, Christine Littlefield Recitation, Ida McNally Recitation, Everett McNally

The great sale continues. Come and see for yourself. L. M. STEARNS, ad.

Mr. Burnham of Essex, Mass., who was our pastor some years ago, gave an interesting talk, after which the young people had a merry time playing games.

Harry McNally, who has an employment at Auburn, spent the week end at his home.

Miss Alta Cummings, who has been teaching the town house school which closed Saturday, is now the teacher in Fourteen members of Round Mountain Grange in the Clark District.

Bethel Grange accepted the invitation of Bethel Grange, Thursday, where they spent a very profitable and enjoyable day.

Arthur Andrews and family of Bryant's Pond were guests at his father's, Sunday.

L. A. Andrews of North Lovell was a visitor at his uncle's, Abel Andrews', Monday night, returning home Tuesday with a load of hay.

This is your opportunity. All goods marked way down. L. M. STEARNS, ad.

EAST SUMMER

Mrs. L. A. Keene, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving. Her daughter, who has been with her two weeks, has returned to her home in Portland.

Henry Bonney is suffering from a sprain on his thumb.

Mrs. R. G. Stephens has a very painful wrist caused by a sprain.

Mrs. Ella Braden is with her daughter, Mrs. T. A. DeCosta, in Canton. Mrs. Louisa Lothrop spent the week end with her father, Elroy Russell.

The new pastor at the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Berley, is now comfortably settled in the parsonage.

David R. Cole, an old resident, is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Ford and little son were recent callers at L. A. Keene's. A very large attendance at Pomona Grange, Wednesday. The new officers for the year were installed.

Rev. F. P. Drosser gave an able sermon at the Baptist church, Sunday.